

**BRITISH DRIVE
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**ITALY CONTINUES
FURIOUS FIGHTING**

Already the Austrian Losses
Reach 30,000 in Killed
and Wounded

British front in France and Belgium, Aug. 23.—(By Associated Press).—Definite success can be recorded this morning for the latest British operations east and northeast of Ypres on the Belgian front, which yesterday were surrounded with much uncertainty owing to the fierceness of the resistance offered by the Germans.

**FURTHER GAINS
MADE BY ITALIANS**

Enemy Losses in First Two Days of the
Advance Calculated at 30,000 in
Killed, Wounded and
Prisoners.

Rome, Aug. 23.—Furious fighting continues on the Isonzo front, the war office announces. Further gains for the Italians on both the northern and southern wings are reported.

The number of prisoners taken by Italians is more than 16,000.

Udine, Italy, Aug. 23.—The enemy losses during the first two days of the new Italian advance are calculated at 30,000 in killed, wounded and prisoners.

FRENCH CAPTURE 7369.

Number of Prisoners Taken in Offensive
on Verdun.

Paris, Aug. 23.—The number of prisoners taken by the French in their offensive operations on the Verdun front has been increased to 7,369, the war office reports. The French last night captured a fortified German position north of Mortenot farm.

DECREASE IN LOSSES.

Number of British Vessels Sunk by U-
Boats Past Week Was 15.

London, Aug. 23.—The number of British merchantmen sunk by submarines or mines in the past week was only slightly larger than the previous week, when a considerable falling off was noted. According to the official statement 15 vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sunk, and three vessels of less than 1,600 tons, in addition to two fishing vessels as compared with 14 large vessels the previous week, two small vessels and three fishermen.

The admiralty statement issued last night said:

Arrivals, 2,838; sailings, 2,764.
British merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines, over 1,600 tons, including one previously, 15; under 1,600 tons, 3.
British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, including two previously, 12.
British fishermen sunk, 2.

FRENCH LOSE FIVE SHIPS.

Losses for Week Ending Aug. 19 Are
Reported.

Paris, Aug. 22.—In the week ending the 19th, five French steamships of 1,600 tons or more were sunk by mines or submarines, according to the weekly official report. Four vessels under 1,600 tons were sunk, and no fishing vessels were destroyed. Three attacks by submarines failed.

HOW ENGLAND TREATS PRISONERS.
Superior to That of Any Other Country,
Says German.

London, July 23 (correspondence).—Admission that the treatment of German war prisoners in Great Britain was superior to the treatment received in any other country was made by the chief German delegate to the recent conference of British and Germans on war prisoners, according to a statement made by Baron Newton, one of the British delegates, in the House of Commons.

Virtually no complaint was made of the British methods of dealing with war prisoners, Lord Newton added.

One impression he derived from his intercourse with the delegates was that, in spite of the German powers of centralization, Berlin headquarters did not know a great deal of what went on. That impression, he said, more or less confirmed what James W. Gerard, the late American ambassador at Berlin, used to tell him, that there was less centralization than was supposed and that the control at Berlin over prisoners of war was nothing like so effective as in this country. He had a strong suspicion that a great deal went on in various German camps of which the central German administration knew little.

As they had twenty times as many prisoners as the British had, it would be surprising, he said, if they did know all that went on.

**CORDIAL WELCOME
FOR JAPANESE**

Washington Accords Highest Courtesy
to Envoys Who Come with
Message.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Japan's mission to the United States, bearing a message of congratulation and appreciation to President Wilson from the emperor and people of Japan, was welcomed to Washington yesterday with warmth and enthusiasm by the public and with the highest marks of courtesy by the government.

Passing through streets thronged with people, past long lines of school children dressed in white with the red sun of Japan on the fronts of their gowns the distinguished visitors were escorted by cavalry to the residence of Perry Belmont, where they will be the guests of the government during their stay. To-day they will make the formal calls which must precede the official conference being arranged for them, and in the evening they will dine with the president.

The mission, it is authoritatively explained, has not come here on a commercial or political errand, but to greet the United States as a brother nation fighting for a common end and to decide after consultation how best the two nations can co-operate, both in an economic and a military sense, in carrying on the war. While Viscount Ishii is vested with plenipotentiary powers, the question to be discussed will not be political, but those of expediency and mutual assistance.

**GIFT OF \$100,000
TO MIDDLEBURY**

Trust Fund for Professors' Benefit Is
Provided by Will of Dr.
H. F. Walker.

New York, Aug. 23.—By a provision in the will of Dr. Henry Freeman Walker, physician, who died in Pittsford, Vt., Aug. 13 last, a trust fund of \$100,000 is set aside for the benefit of the faculty of his alma mater, Middlebury college, Middlebury, Vt. The fund is placed in charge of the president and fellows of the college and is to be known as "The Henry Freeman Walker furlough and emergency fund."

The bequest reads: "When some member of the faculty has given seven years' continuous service and shall be granted a year's furlough for rest, study or recreation, he shall be given the income of the fund, or an amount equal to his salary."

After empowering the president, treasurer and one member of the faculty to constitute a board which shall pass upon the applications, the testator directs them to use the whole or part of the excess income in assisting any member of the faculty whose financial status may become cramped through illness or accident.

To the Maclure Library association of Pittsford, Vt., the decedent bequeaths his entire holdings in the Pittsford Aqueduct company, a tract of land known as the "Drake lot," and \$15,000 in trust for the founding of the "Walker Memorial building," which is to be used as a library and for reading rooms.

**60,000 HOMELESS IN
SALONIKI FIRE**

And the Property Loss Is Enormous, as
Result of Sunday's Fire—30,000
Refugees Camping.

London, Aug. 23.—The first detailed account of the disastrous fire at Saloniki Sunday is contained in a Reuter despatch, which says 60,000 are homeless and the property loss is enormous. The insurance companies will be interested to the extent of two to three million pounds. The destitute are being cared for by the entente military authorities, the British having 30,000 in their charge. The refugees are camping on the outskirts of the town, and food and fresh water are very scarce. Three enemy airplanes flew over the city and dropped bombs while the fire raged.

BRITISH MINISTER VISITS POPE.

Wants to Know His Meaning in Refer-
ence to Freedom of Seas.

Rome, Aug. 23.—British and Belgian ministers accredited to the Vatican were received separately by the pope to-day and inquired as to the meaning of the reference to the freedom of the seas in the pope's peace proposal.

The pontiff replied that he intended to give to this condition the same meaning as that of President Wilson in his message, while leaving ample liberty to belligerents to agree in future discussion as to details.

Germany to-day acknowledged her receipt of the peace note, promising to examine it with benevolent interest and care, and give an answer after reaching an agreement with her allies.

POSED AS V. N. G. OFFICER.

Man Who Begged Money at Bellows Falls
Under Arrest.

Bellows Falls, Aug. 23.—John Borst, as he calls himself, is in the local jail, held as a suspicious character. His case is in the hands of United States Marshal A. P. Carpenter.

Borst was first noticed in this village ten days ago, dressed in the uniform of an officer of the Vermont National Guard. Later he was seen in civilian dress. He attempted several times to borrow money, once at least asking an officer for money to get to Plattsburg. His asking for money and his freaky ideas regarding wearing the uniform led to his arrest.

**DROP BOMBS
ON HOSPITALS**

German Aviators Kill Ten
Soldier Patients and
Twenty Nurses

**GERMAN WOUNDED
WERE IN HOSPITAL**

More German Frightfulness,
Answer to Red Cross
Charity

On the French front, Aug. 23 (By the Associated Press).—Incendiary bombs were dropped by two German aviators on two hospitals behind Verdun on Sunday evening and killed 10 soldier patients, one woman nurse and 19 male nurses. Many rushed naked into nearby fields in an attempt to find shelter from the bombs being rained down. Meanwhile the German aviators circled about for half an hour firing machine guns at the hospital orderlies who were endeavoring to extinguish the flames. One hundred and eighty German wounded were in the hospital, which had Red Cross signs painted prominently on the roofs. The bombs were dropped from a height of only 300 yards. The hospital has been in existence more than a year and the location is well known.

**RUTLAND BOY DIES
FROM RIFLE WOUND**

Thirteen-Year-Old Lad Accidentally
Shoots Self When He Stumbled
Against Gun.

Rutland, Aug. 23.—Earl Coursey, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Coursey of this city, accidentally shot himself at the East Pittsford dam about six miles north of this city yesterday, dying just after arriving at the Rutland hospital. Earl and his older brother, Clarence, were camping near the dam. They attempted to cross the pond on some masonry, the younger boy carrying a gun. It is supposed that he stumbled on the rough stones and the gun was accidentally discharged. The charge entered his heart.

H. W. Perkins, a farmer living nearby, heard the lad's cries for assistance, and after telephoning to Rutland for an ambulance, loaded the injured boy into an automobile and hurried him towards this city to meet the conveyance. It was the boy's first camping trip and their mother objected to their going, remarking: "You will be either drowned or shot."

**GOOD CHANCE TO
ESCAPE FROST**

Encouraging Reports About Nature's
Record-Breaking Corn
Crop.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Most of the record-breaking corn crop will be past the point where frost can damage it at the average date of the first killing frost, in spite of the fact that the crop is from 10 to 15, and in places even 20 days later than the average at this season of the year in central and northern districts.

Reports from the weather bureau to-day brought this information. Harvesting of winter wheat was nearly completed last week, and yields continued good. Spring wheat is yielding better in North Dakota and Montana than was expected.

"TANK CORPS"

Are Now a Recognized Unit in the British
Army.

London, July 23.—The "tanks" are now a recognized unit of the British army, and an order issued announced the formation of a "tank corps." The personnel of the corps will be divided into technical and non-technical sections, the latter receiving rates of pay given their respective ranks in the royal field artillery.

EMBARGO ON SULPHUR.

Government Stops Export to Canada for
the Present.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—An embargo has been placed on exports of sulphur to Canada in order that the supply for the war needs of the United States may not be unduly depleted. The Canadian wood pulp mills, furnishing supplies for about three-fourths of the newspaper paper used in the United States, will be seriously affected.

SOMERS NEW COMMANDER.

Is Unanimously Chosen Head of Grand
Army.

Boston, Aug. 23.—Orlando A. Somers of Kokomo, Ind., was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic to-day without opposition.

May Take Over Last Block Plant.

Brattleboro, Aug. 23.—The Vermont Last Block company's factory, which has been closed since that concern experienced difficulties several months ago, is now being operated by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Co., which was one of the large creditors. It is understood that this concern, which does an extensive business in the manufacture of billiard tables, bowling alleys and fixtures, is considering taking over the local plant permanently.

**ARMY BAKERIES AT
FORT ETHAN ALLEN**

Bread for Troops in Training—Capacity
of Steel Ovens Is 50,000
Loaves Daily.

Burlington, Aug. 23.—Fort Ethan Allen has been designated by the war department as the headquarters for two of the army bakeries which will be established immediately for the troops in training in different parts of the country. At present but four places have been appointed headquarters for the new bakeries: Washington, D. C., Gettysburg, Pa., Syracuse, N. Y., and Fort Ethan Allen. Within a short time there will be a total of 10 bakeries. Later, big army bread factories will be placed along the American lines of communication in France.

Capt. Anderson E. Clower has arrived at the post to take charge of the first bakery company, which will include bakers and clerks from civil life gathered from all parts of the country. The war department has not yet appointed the second company commanding officer.

Start Work Immediately.

Work will be started immediately on the bakeries, which will be of the portable field type. Large ovens of sheet steel are being erected on brick foundations. The capacity of the ovens, which will soon be erected, will be approximately 50,000 loaves of bread a day. When taxed to their limit, it is estimated that the output will be considerably more.

Officials at the post stated yesterday that the bakeries may remain at Fort Ethan Allen for some time or be transferred as soon as they are organized, depending on orders from the war department. There will be 101 men in each company. In the ranks will be some of the most skilled bakers in the country. The companies are made up of members of the quartermaster enlisted reserve corps, which was organized but six months ago all over the country.

MEMBERSHIP REACHES 50,000.

Vermont Chapter Passed That Mark Yes-
terday.

Burlington, Aug. 23.—The Vermont chapter of the American Red Cross has just completed the work of providing the men of the First Vermont regiment, now in the federal service, with pajamas, comfort bags and "housewives." All further supplies will be sent to the division headquarters at Boston. Provision is to be made for men drafted into service by the respective branches. The following letter has been sent to the branches in regard to this work by H. S. Howard, secretary of the chapter:

"All the members of the First Vermont infantry regiment have now been supplied with pajamas, comfort bags, and 'housewives,' for which please accept the thanks of state headquarters."

"Therefore, do not send any more articles to Burlington. Hereafter send Red Cross supplies to Boston, Red Cross supply service, 142 Berkeley street."

"But the state executive committee requests that each branch see that all drafted men accepted for service in the army from their respective localities are supplied with pajamas, comfort bags and housewives before they leave home."

The distribution of the articles was in charge of a committee of Burlington ladies appointed by Mayor Jackson, consisting of Mrs. H. R. Watkins, chairman, Mrs. H. B. Shaw, Mrs. A. S. Isham, and Mrs. C. P. Miller. Over two thousand of each article were distributed among the men.

The comfort bags contain many necessities and little luxuries which the men would otherwise lack. Among the articles contained are tooth brush, tooth paste, talcum powder, bath towel, face towel, soap, comb, hair brush, adhesive plaster, shoe strings, steel mirror, half a dozen handkerchiefs, and sometimes other articles. Each bag is equipped at a cost of about \$2.00. The "housewife" is a sewing outfit, which is contained in the comfort bag. It contains scissors, needles, pins, thread, buttons, etc.

The membership of the Vermont chapter passed the 50,000 mark yesterday, including those who became members through the war fund campaign. Members are still pouring into the headquarters at Burlington. The war fund total has now reached \$200,500 and will undoubtedly mount still higher.

TALC MINES ARE SOLD.

Fayston and Moretown Property Is Dis-
posed of for \$20,000.

Moretown, Aug. 23.—The talc mines located in Fayston and Moretown were sold at public auction yesterday. Walter Main, trustee in bankruptcy of the International Mineral company, purchasing the property for \$20,000. The property was owned by the Dorchester Trust company as trustee for the American Quarries company which lost the property under a foreclosure several months ago. Mr. Main is an officer in the Dorchester Trust company.

Ill But Short Time.

Miss Amelia Agati, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Agati, passed away at the City hospital Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the end following a brief illness. Miss Agati had been a patient at the hospital but a short time and her illness dated from the day previous to her demise. Besides her parents, the child leaves her sister, Lena Agati, aged 3. She was born in Italy April 15, 1909, and was in her ninth year. Among neighbors and other friends of the Agati family she was held in high esteem for her warm and congenial disposition.

Funeral services are to be held at the home of her parents, at 8 Shurtleff place, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment is to be made in Hope cemetery.

**CHURCHES WILL
REOPEN SUNDAY**

Moving Picture Houses to
Be Allowed to Resume
on Monday

**LATEST ORDER OF
BOARD OF HEALTH**

Local Poliomyelitis Has So
Improved as to Allow Re-
laxation in Quarantine

For the first time in several weeks, churches will be open Sunday and moving picture proprietors will be permitted to resume business Monday as the result of an order announced to-day by the board of health. The poliomyelitis situation has so far cleared as to make possible certain further relaxations of the quarantine and the churches, clubs and shifting picture shows are among the first to profit thereby. All of the restrictions removed apply only to persons over 16 years old, according to the statement made by Dr. J. W. Stewart, secretary of the health board, who says that churches may be re-opened Sunday if children under 16 are restricted from participating in the public worship. The same ruling applies to moving picture establishments, where children under 16 are to be barred for a time.

To-day's statement was the second ameliorating announcement from the board of health since the lid was put on in July. Ten days ago licensees and druggists were permitted to resume the business of purveying of refreshments and bowling alleys and pool rooms were re-opened. Under the new order other public gatherings are permitted, although the restrictions as to children under 16 must be observed.

Health Officer Stewart stated to-day that the poliomyelitis situation in Barre remains unchanged and the possibility of an epidemic is practically negligible. There are no new cases and the number of families quarantined is constantly decreasing. In communities where the malady has appeared sporadic cases have continued into the fall, but there is little fear that any considerable number of cases will develop in Barre this year.

**THIRD POLO DEATH
IN WATERBURY**

Ford Shattuck, 13-Year-Old Boy, Dead
with Disease After Illness of
48 Hours.

Waterbury, Aug. 23.—Ford Shattuck, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Shattuck of this village, died last evening, after being ill 48 hours with poliomyelitis. This is the third death from this disease during the present epidemic. The boy is survived besides his parents by two sisters, Miss Bernice, who is at home, and Miss Pauline, who is a student nurse at the Mary Fletcher hospital, and a brother, Fred, who is recovering from a light attack of the disease. The body was taken to Richmond for burial.

To-day another case is reported in the family of Floyd Fuller, who lives on the Donovan farm on the road to Montpelier, about two miles from this village and in the town of Moretown. The case is that of Maynard, the 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fuller. The case has been under observation for several days but the disease developed only yesterday. The lad is slightly paralyzed in one leg.

Another Case in Montpelier.

The child of Fred Somers on Hubbard street, Montpelier, is ill with a mild case of infantile paralysis. The case has been under observation for several days. There are three houses under quarantine at present.

BONAZZI SUES FORTNEY.

Plainfield Man Wants Damages for False
Arrest Caused by the Latter.

Antonio Bonazzi of Plainfield has brought suit in Washington county court against Leroy F. Fortney of Plainfield for \$5,000, claiming that the defendant falsely and maliciously caused his arrest in June, 1915. The plaintiff avers that the defendant and Edward D. Bartlett, since deceased, had him arrested without cause and then did not prosecute the case, which was dismissed at the March term of court, 1916, for want of prosecution. The plaintiff says that he suffered "great pain of the body and mind" and was greatly exposed and injured in his credit and circumstances. Edward H. Deavitt and Fred L. Laird are counsel for the plaintiff.

The James Hanley Brewing Co. of Providence, R. I., has brought suit for \$500 against Jose Cano of Barre. J. Ward Carver is attorney for the plaintiff.

GIOVANNI ROSSI IN JAIL.

Alleged Forger Unable to Furnish Bonds
of \$500.

Rutland, Aug. 23.—Giovanni Rossi, who was arrested in Springfield, Mass., and brought to this city on a charge of forgery, was arraigned before Judge F. G. Swinerton in city court yesterday forenoon. He pleaded not guilty and was bound over to the September term of Rutland county court, being remanded to jail because he could not furnish bail of \$500. It is claimed he forged his brother's name to two \$20 checks, one of which was passed on F. M. Wilson of this city.

**MEN AT THE FORT
LEAVE FOR NEW CAMP**

Five Hundred Got Away Last Night and
the Balance of 1300 Went
To-day.

Burlington, Aug. 23.—The first section of the 1,300 men from the First Vermont infantry left Fort Ethan Allen last night for a destination given out as "somewhere in America." The work of equipping the men for the journey was in progress all the afternoon. Each man turned in all equipment Tuesday and the task of re-issuing it with the old parts renewed was begun yesterday morning. Because of the delay caused by this extra work only about 500 men left last night. The remainder of the 1,300 will leave some time to-day.

The last guard mount and retreat was held last evening at five o'clock, with everybody present. At that time there was nothing about the demeanor of the men that indicated that they were about to leave camp permanently. After guard mount and mess were over and darkness had commenced to fall, preparations were made for departure by those who were detailed to leave with the section last night. During the preparations the First Vermont band played continually. At the playing of the "Marseillaise," all heads were bared and every man shouted and cheered for the French republic.

If there was any discontent or downheartedness about the camp it was with the men who were not chosen to go with the first bunch. About 35 men from each company will be left behind, but probably not for long. The 1,300 men who are leaving now will be absorbed by the 26th division.

Secretary Moorhouse, who has been the general camp secretary at the Y. M. C. A. at the state reservation since the mobilization of the National Guard in the spring, left yesterday afternoon for the south. He will ultimately be stationed at Charlotte, N. C., with the National Guard troops there.

The Y. M. C. A. building at the state reservation was besieged all day yesterday by soldiers sending parcels home. The office became so congested in the afternoon that a special truck was sent from the local postoffice to take care of the mail. During the day a postoffice inspector called at the building and observing the condition there, promised the secretary that they would have a night service hereafter.

SIX CASES OF BEER

Reward Officers Who Raided Mrs. Mo-
desta Labrana at 27 Granite St.

On a complaint made to State's Atty. Earle R. Davis, three officers from police headquarters, Chief Sinclair, Officer John W. Dineen and Deputy Sheriff G. L. Morris, all aboard the latter's jitney, swung into Granite street this forenoon and raided the tenement occupied by Mrs. Modesta Labrana at No. 27. On the strength of a search and seizure warrant, the officers examined many nooks and crannies in the tenement, with the result that six cases of beer were brought into the strong light of official scrutiny. Mrs. Labrana was arrested on a charge of selling liquor illegally and taken to police headquarters. She will be arraigned this afternoon.

The same roof which covers Mrs. Labrana's domicile shelters the scene of another recent raid, in which Mrs. Elvira Granai was arrested for alleged violation of the liquor laws. Mrs. Granai acknowledged a selling offense and is at liberty under bail, pending the investigation of a claim that her transgression was the result of a niggardly policy on the part of the city charity department in dispensing alms. When arrested to-day Mrs. Labrana intimated that she would plead not guilty and furnish bail for her appearance at a trial.

BARRE'S SCHOOL GARDENS

Are Carefully Looked After by Special
Committee from Woman's Club.

With a view to correct any wrong impression that might be drawn from the item in yesterday's paper in regard to the school gardens, the following statement is made. For several years the school garden work has been under the direction of the Barre Woman's club and for two years the supervisor has been paid from their treasury. The work is directly in charge of a special committee from the club, from whom the director receives her instructions. The director not only inspects the gardens of the children but whenever it is possible to meet the child she aids in suggestions regarding soil, transplanting and general care of the plants, encouraging the child to work as faithfully as possible and gain financial returns from the sale of any surplus vegetables which may be produced. This year, the work being enlarged by the special call from the state to accomplish all possible results, the superintendent of the city schools asked that some of the teachers be allowed to assist and have supervision of certain localities. Much valuable aid has been given in this way. The garden work with the children is only one of the many ways in which the Barre Woman's club benefits our community.

CERTIFY THREE MORE NAMES.

Washington County Draft Board Has Ac-
cepted Total of 24 Names.

The Washington county exemption board yesterday certified to three more draft names for military service, as follows: Newton Harold Davis, Plainfield; William Murray, Grantville; William G. Martin, Plainfield.

This brings the total for the county up to 24.

The following persons have been exempted and discharged:

Fertis Harold Abbott, 15 West Patterson street, Barre.
Henry D. Snow, 16½ Liberty street, Montpelier.

**ORANGE COUNTY
FARMERS MEET**

Annual Gathering of Asso-
ciation at Chelsea Great
Success

**HAS HAD A
SUCCESSFUL YEAR**

Addresses by Prof. J. L.
Hills and Richard Pattee
—Directors Elected

Chelsea, Aug. 23.—Chelsea town hall was filled with about 200 Orange county farmers yesterday at the annual meeting of the Orange County Farmers' association. This meeting was the largest and best of any so far held by this association.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a. m. by the president, E. O. Bicknell of Tunbridge. The secretary's report was called for, and was read by Sec. F. H. Wilcox of East Brookfield. This report showed the membership on Aug. 1 of this year to be 212, against 156 a year ago at that time. With the new members and renewals secured at the meeting, this membership was brought up to about 275 before night. The treasurer's report was given by Geo. C. Flint of Braintree. He called attention to the great increase in expenses this past year over previous years, due to the increased prices and to an increase in the work of the association. With no great increase in income it left the association for the first time with a deficit.

Following the reports of the officers, the proposed changes in by-laws were taken up. The first which was adopted was to change the name of the association to Orange County farm bureau, making it uniform with similar organizations in other parts of the state and country. The second proposed to increase the membership fee from \$1.00 per year to \$1.50 per year. This aroused considerable discussion. Most of those present realized the need of a larger income, but felt that it was better to increase the membership list rather than to increase the fee. It was finally left to the board of directors to change if necessary for another year, but carry on a thorough canvass of the county for more members first. It was next voted to increase the executive committee to a board of five directors and an auditor, this board of directors to have charge of the farm bureau work and choose its own officers. It was also voted to place the county on a county basis for the advisory council, rather than on the town basis. This increased the advisory council in number and would secure better local interest and support. This advisory council is to meet twice a year, and the board of directors four times a year.

Before closing for the noon recess, a ballot was taken of those present, for the appointment of this advisory council, and a nominating committee, consisting of F. H. Wilcox, Henry Tuxbury and Erdis Bacon appointed to bring in nominations for the board of directors and advisory council.

During the noon hour the ladies of the Methodist church furnished lunch on the common at cost prices.

The afternoon session opened about 1:15, with the report of the county agent, E. H. Loveland, and the executive committee, in charge of the various projects. George Flint reported an increase from three to seven in the farmers' clubs in the county as one of the results of the organization project. E. O. Bicknell mentioned the work with co-operative testing and economical feeding carried on under the dairy project. F. H. Wilcox reported alfalfa demonstrations in 13 of the 17 towns, and soy-bean demonstrations in all but one town of the county.

E. H. Loveland reported the increased work accomplished the past year, making 1,143 farm calls, attending 173 meetings, with total attendance of 5,900, writing 1,043 letters, answering 331 office and telephone calls, conducting 80 demonstrations and traveling 13,000 miles from Aug. 1 to Aug. 1. He also reported carrying on work with the farm survey, distributing account books, work with potatoes, beans, oats and corn, holding two extension schools, assisting in boys' and girls' club work, the organization of home economics clubs, and the work on the emergency food project in securing seeds, and labor. He recommended the adoption another year of projects on organization, dairying, legumes, cash crops, farm management, and home economics.

The report of the nominating committee was called for, and the following men were elected directors for another year: E. O. Bicknell, Tunbridge; Nelson Bailey, Wells River; Fred Bickford, Bradford; Charles Haywood, Williams-town; Charles A. Wilcox, North Thetford. A list of 50 names from as many communities was read and adopted as an advisory council.

Prof. J. L. Hills of the Vermont experiment station gave the first address of the afternoon. His theme was the relationship between the farmer's organization and the federal department of agriculture and the state extension service. After developing the growth of the extension work idea from its inception by the Morrill act, formed and supported by an Orange county man, to the present day, he gave an outline of the why and wherefore of the choosing of a county agent. He brought out the

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